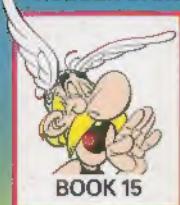


HODDER DARGAUD PRESENTS



BOOK 15

Asterix

and the GOLDEN SICKLE

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Asterix and the Golden Sickle

THE FIERCELY INDEPENDENT LITTLE VILLAGE WHERE ASTERIX AND THE OTHER GAULS LIVE IS AT PEACE...



OBELIX IS HAPPILY AT WORK, CARVING OUT A MENHIR...

THERE'LL ALWAYS BE A GAU-AAAHH!!

CACOFONIX THE BARD IS GIVING THE CHILDREN LESSONS...

WELL, YOUNG MAN, AND INTO HOW MANY PARTS IS GAUL DIVIDED?

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IN SHORT, EVERYONE IS CONTENTED. ALL IS PEACE AND PLENTY...

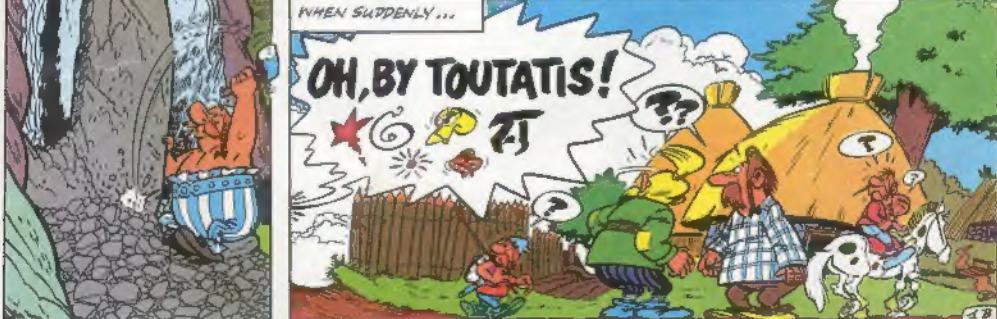
ANOTHER BOAR, OBELIX?

YES, PLEASE!

WHEN SUDDENLY...

OH, BY TOUTATIS!

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WHAT'S ALL THAT SHOUTING?

IT'S THE VOICE OF OUR DRUID GETAFIX!

IT'S COMING FROM THAT OAK TREE OVER THERE!

SCRGUNGNODNER... ARCHONGHNN... GNELGHN...

WHAT'S THE MATTER, O DRUID?

BY BELENOIS,
TOCATIS AND
BELISAMA!
I'VE BROKEN MY
GOLDEN SICKLE!

THIS IS TERRIBLE!
WIBLETDE MUST BE CUT
WITH A GOLDEN SICKLE IF
IT IS TO HAVE MAGIC
POWERS!

IT COULDN'T BE WORSE
TIMED! I HAVE TO START SOON
FOR THE FOREST OF THE CARNUTES
TO ATTEND THE GREAT ANNUAL
CONFERENCE OF GAULISH DRUIDS.
I CAN'T GO WITHOUT A SICKLE!

ALL YOU HAVE
TO DO IS BUY
ANOTHER ONE!

GOOD SICKLES
DON'T GROW
ON TREES!

THE BEST, INDEED THE
ONLY ONES I CONSIDER WORTH
USING, ARE MADE BY THE
FAMOUS METALLURGIX, IN
FARAWAN LATETIA...

HE'S RIGHT, IT'S
WELL KNOWN THAT
METALLURGIX MAKES
THE BEST SICKLES...

YOU'RE
RIGHT
THERE...

AND LATETIA
IS A LONG WAY OFF...
YOU HAVE TO PASS
THROUGH FORESTS FULL
OF BARBARIANS AND
BANDITS TO GET
THERE!

I AM PREPARED
TO GO TO LATETIA,
O DRUID!



I'VE HEARD THERE
ARE A LOT OF BANDITS
ABOUT THE FOREST. JUST
NOW, I THINK I'LL TAKE
A DROP OF MAGIC
POTION...

ALL THESE FEBLE EXCUSES
ABOUT ME FALLING INTO THE
CAULDRON OF POTION WHEN I WAS
A BABY. JUST TO STOP ME
HAVING ANY! IT'S NOT FAIR!

HAVE YOU GOT
ANYTHING TO PAY
FOR THE SICKLE?

YES, I'VE GOT A
HUNDRED GOLD COINS
FOR THE SICKLE, AND
SOME BRONZE COINS
FOR INCIDENTAL
EXPENSES...

DID YOU
HEAR THAT?

COME ON!

YOUR MONEY
OR YOUR LIFE!

DO YOU SUSPECT
THESE ARE
BANDITS?

VERY
LIKELY...

METALLURGY
MUST BE
DOING WELL!

YES,
HE IS.

WHAT DOES HE
DO WITH ALL THE
GOLD COINS HE
GETS FOR HIS
SICKLES?

OH, HE MAKES
MORE SICKLES.

STON!

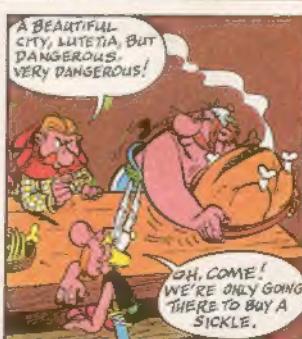
I HOPE WE AREN'T
GOING TO MEET TOO MANY
MORE BANDITS ON THE WAY.
IT DOES CUT DOWN OUR
AVERAGE SPEED.

NIGHT IS FALLING,
OBELIX. THERE'S
AN INN NEAR HERE
CALLED THE CONTRITE
BARBARIAN. WE'LL
STOP THERE!!

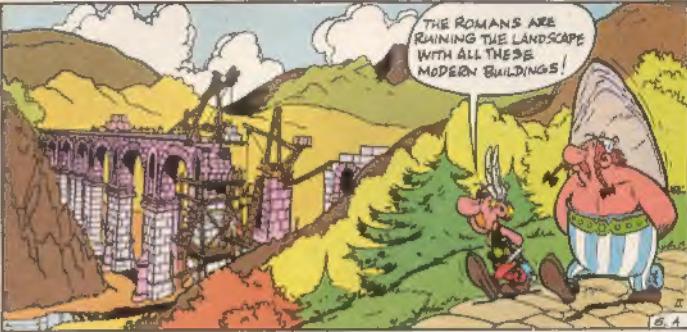
DANGER
SLIPPERY
FLAGSTONES

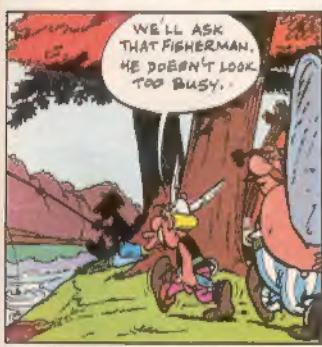
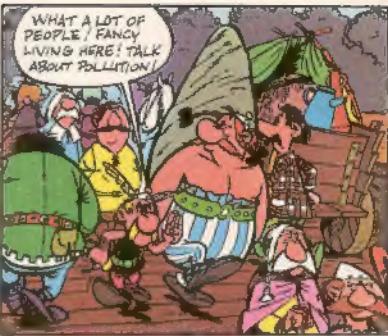
THIS INN IS
FAMOUS FOR ITS
SPECIALITY:
ROAST BOAR!

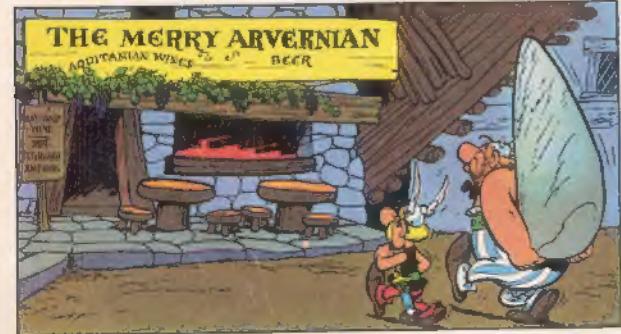
ROAST OR JUST
SERVED RAW AS
A SIMPLE LITTLE
SALAD. BOAR IS MY
FAVOURITE FOOD!

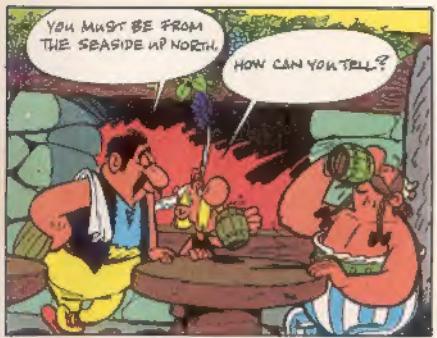


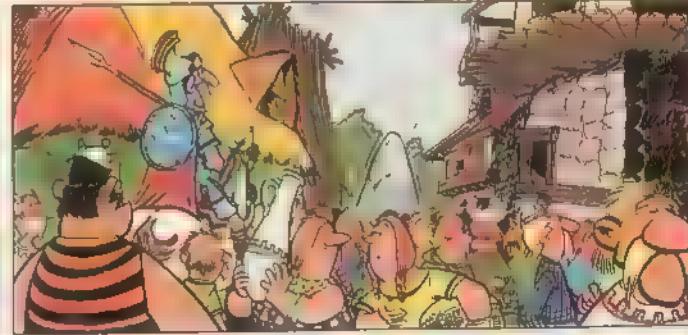
NEXT MORNING!!!

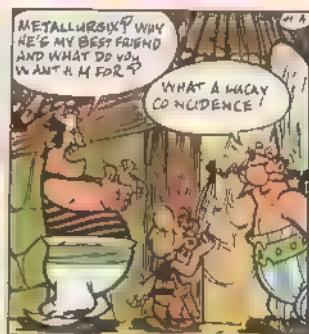
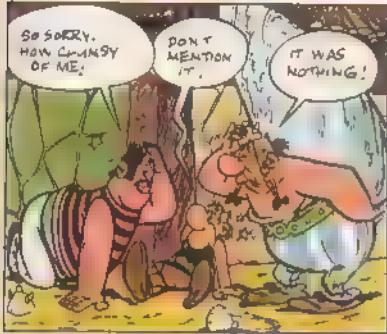


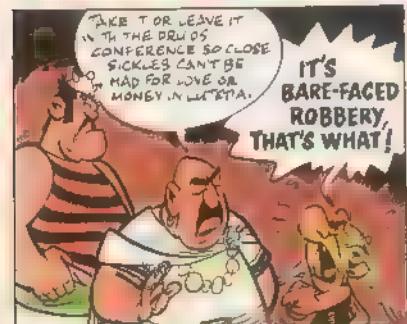


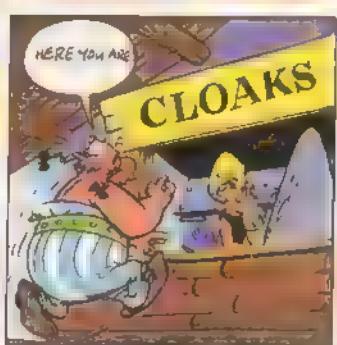






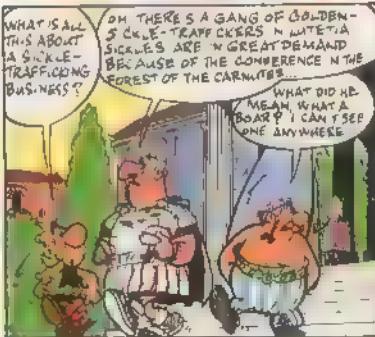


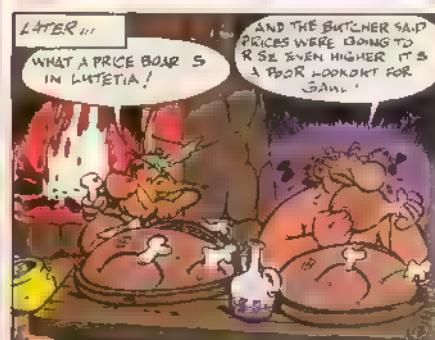












WE'LL CATCH UP
WITH THE
ARVERNIAN ON THE
WAY TO
GERGONA

RIGHT!

WE CAN'T HAVE
GOT FAR AND ON
FOOT WE'RE AS FAST
AS ANY DR-CART
AS ANY DR-CART
TOO!

OF COURSE
WE ARE
THE DR-CART
ARE ON FOOT
TOO!

CAN YOU TELL ME THE
WAY TO GERGONA,
PLEASE?

TAKE
ROMAN ROAD VII.

WHAT A LOT
OF TRAFFIC!

THERE MUST OFTEN BE
AMPHORA-NECKS ON
FINE DAYS!

SLOW

THAT'S WHAT
CALL REAL
DRIVING

THEY'RE CRAZY!
JUST KEEP AN EYE
ON YOUR OWN
ACCIDENTS WHEN
HAPPEN SO
QUICKLY

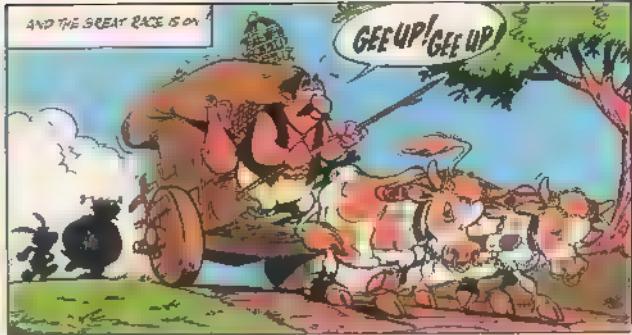


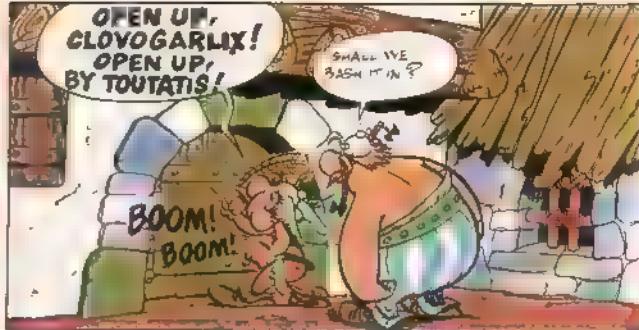
STILL DON'T
SEE OUR
ARVERNIAN FRIEND...

MASSIE THAT CART
AT THE TOP OF THE
HILL THERE

IT'S IT'S
THEM



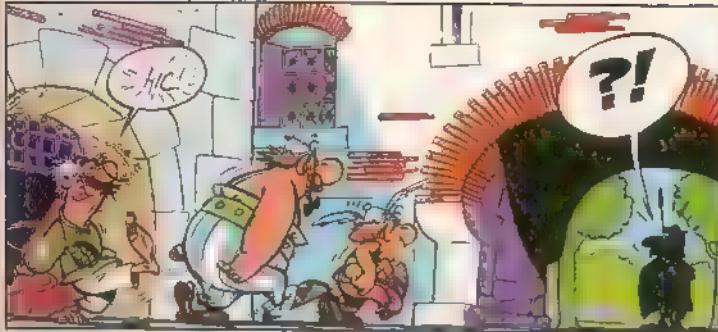




LONG LIVE VERGENCE!!!
-HIC!.. TORIX!

HALLO. WHAT ARE YOU
INSIDE FOR?
-HIC!





WE MUST FIND THE
DOLMEN WHERE
CLOVAGAR X AND
NAVISHT X MEET

IT WON'T BE
EASY

YOU NEVER KNOW
THE LATET ANS CAN'T
HAVE MANY
DOLMENS ..

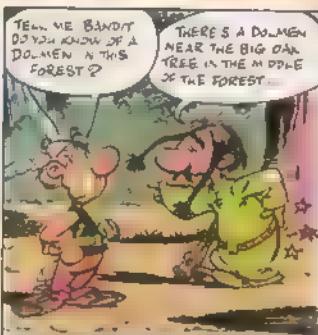
POOR THINGS

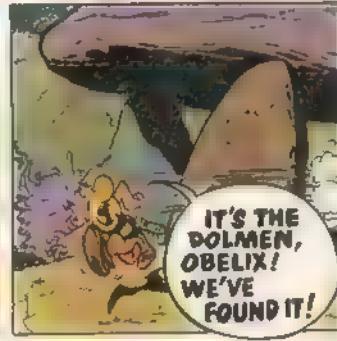
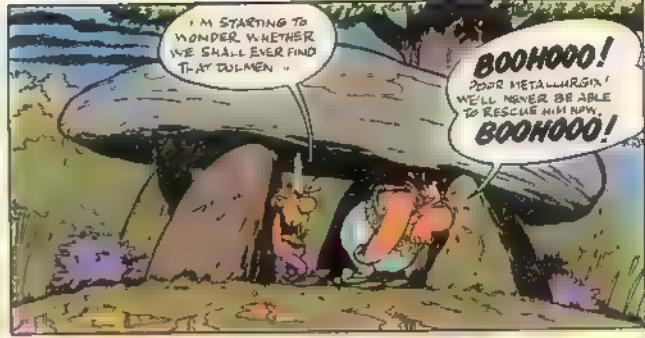
WE SHOULD BE ABLE
TO GET SOME
INFORMATION OVER
THERE

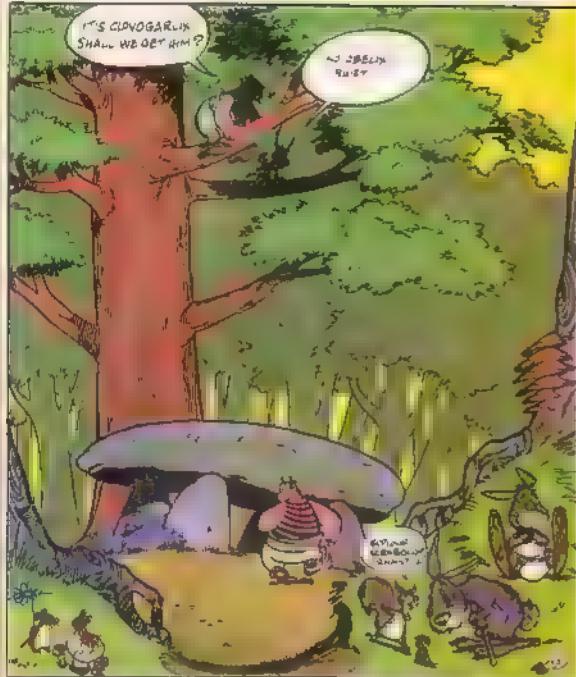


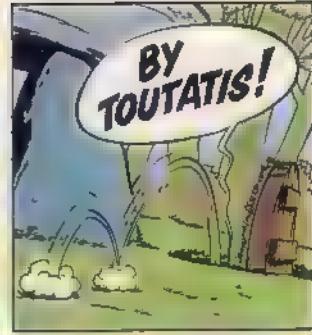












WARM RAYS OF BRILLIANT
SUNSHINE LIGHT UP A
CLOUDLESS SKY.



.. LITTLE BIRDS WARBLE ON
THE LEAFY BRANCHES

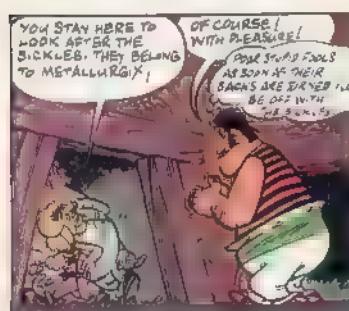
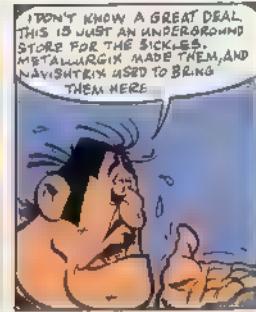


SQUIRRELS PLAY ON
THE MOSSY GROUND ..

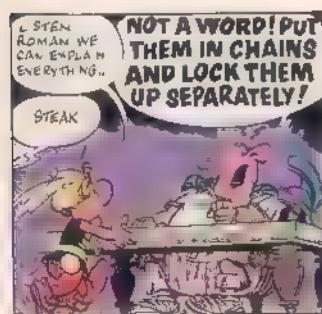
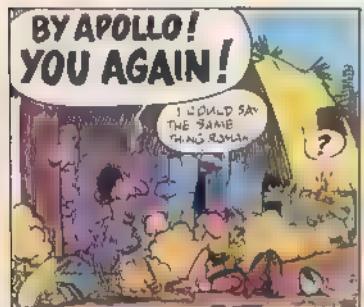


.. INN WE UNDERNEATH
THE MOSSY WOODS!











ARE YOU GOING TO
GET THIS GOURD
FOR ME ?!!!

HIC! YOU'RE
NOT VERY KIND,
I'M SICKING!

LISTEN IT'S VERY
GOOD STUFF AND YOU
CAN HAVE A DROP
YOURSELF

HIC!

IN THAT CASE
ALL RIGHT

IT'S GOT A
FUNNY TASTE

... COMING ASTERIX!

TCHAC!

CRACK!

LONG LIVE ~~ASTERIX~~
VERGOGETRECIX!

SHUT UP!

YOU COMING
OBELIX?

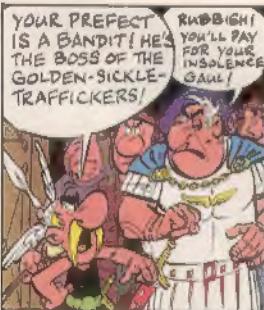
CRAAACK!

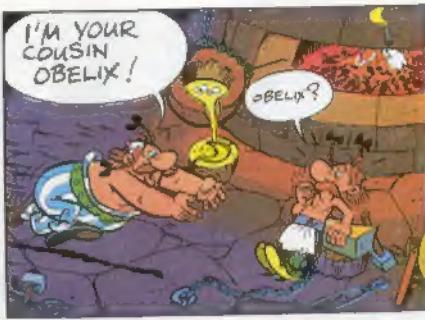
LONG LIVE
GEGOTRIGERIX!

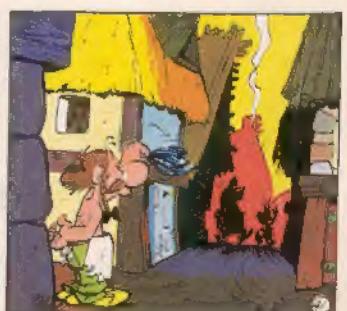
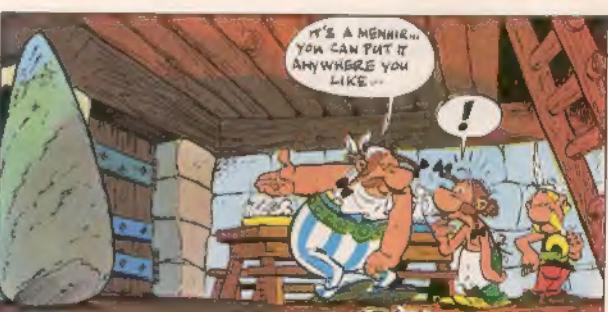
W... YOU SHUT UP!











WITH THEIR GOLDEN SICKLE AT LAST,
OUR TWO FRIENDS LEAVE LUTETIA
FOR AN UNEVENTFUL JOURNEY...

I LOVE LUTETIA
IN THE
SPRINGTIME !

APART FROM A FEW
RASH BANDITS...

I TELL YOU,
THE SKY HAS
FALLEN ON OUR
HEADS !



...A FEW FOOLHARDY BARBARIANS...

Zet vog kein
nice zink to
de!

Nein, it
nicht vos!

COME ALONG,
OBELIX! I DON'T
PAWGLE!

...AND SEVERAL
CARELESS WILD BOAR...

...IN THEIR JOURNEY,
AS WE SAW, WAS
UNEVENTFUL!

LOOK,
OBELIX,
THERE'S OUR
VILLAGE!

GREAT!



COME ON, EVERYONE!
ASTERIX AND OBELIX
ARE BACK!

THEY'LL BE
ABLE TO TELL
ME WHAT'S BEING
WORN IN LUTETIA
THIS SEASON!

WELCOME BACK
BRAVE WARRIOR!

I WILL NOW COMPOSE
AN ODE FOR THIS
SOLIDRIOUS OCCASION!

JUST YOU TRY IT!



HERE IS YOUR
GOLDEN SICKLE,
O DRUID GETAFIX!

THANK YOU, MY
FRIENDS. I KNEW
YOU WOULDN'T
FAIL ME!

ALL OUR FRIENDS GATHER TOGETHER
FOR A GREAT FEAST TO CELEBRATE
THE RETURN OF THE HEROES WITH
THE BEAUTIFUL GOLDEN SICKLE WHICH WILL
BRING SUNNY AND FAME TO THE VILLAGE...

THAT'S FUNNY.
OUR BARD CALCONIO
HADN'T TURNED UP TO SING
US ONE OF HIS ODES!

HHMM...
HHMM...

THE
END